



MEMORANDUM

Missouri Department of Transportation
Maintenance Operations
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TO: All District Engineers
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FROM: Jim Carney
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DATE: September 24, 2003

SUBJECT: Temporary Traffic Control
Traffic Control for Field Operations Revision
Excavation Guidelines

The following paragraph reflects changes to the "Excavation" guidelines included in the *Traffic Control for Field Operations* manual. To coincide with a provision contained in the new guidance and be set in place for the forthcoming trenching/shoring training, this change is effective October 1, 2003; and, will subsequently be incorporated into the next revision of the referenced document.

Excavations

When work activities involve movement of soil or subsurface operations, utilities shall be located by calling DIG-RITE, the local provider, and MoDOT.

Unprotected excavations or repairs located within the roadway shall be backfilled or plated while workers are not present. In locations where fills or plates affect the profile of the roadway (e.g., fills appreciably higher or lower than the road surface, thick plates, etc.), the responsible party should install a BUMP or DIP sign, as appropriate, along the edge of the roadway, immediately adjacent to the location. If plated between October 1 and March 31, the responsible party should install a STEEL PLATE IN ROADWAY or BUMP sign along the edge of the roadway, immediately adjacent to the location, and convey the location of the site to appropriate MoDOT personnel.

Please ensure this information is forwarded to those who may be affected by the changes. Should you require any clarification, contact Scott Stotlemeyer, Technical Support engineer, Maintenance Operations, at 573-526-1759 or stotls. Thank you.

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